

SENATE FILE 2033

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1 Amend Senate File 2033, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 14, after line 33 by inserting:

4 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 256F.14 Frontier schools.

5 1. The board of directors of a school district, an
6 accredited nonpublic school, the board of directors of
7 a community college, the state board of regents, an
8 accredited private institution as defined in section
9 261.9, or a private nonprofit corporation organized
10 under chapter 504 may submit an application to the
11 state board to establish a frontier school. The state
12 board shall adopt rules specifying the criteria for
13 approval of frontier schools. The department shall
14 develop an application process. The applicant shall
15 specify in its application all of the following:

16 a. Mission and instructional focus of the school.

17 b. Organizational structure and management of the
18 school.

19 c. Impact of labor agreements and contracts on the
20 success of the school.

21 d. Roles and responsibilities of all involved
22 constituencies.

23 e. Arrangements for special needs students.

24 f. Connection of the school to the school district.

25 g. Facility and operation costs.

26 h. Methods for measuring results, including but not
27 limited to student achievement results.

28 2. For purposes of this section, "*frontier school*"
29 means a school that is nonsectarian in its program,
30 admission policies, employment practices, and all
31 other operations. The school is a public school and is
32 part of the state's system of public education. The
33 primary focus of a frontier school shall be to provide
34 a comprehensive program of instruction for at least one
35 grade or age group from five through eighteen years
36 of age. Frontier schools may be designed to allow
37 significant autonomy to the schools. However, frontier
38 schools shall be accountable for significant results.

39 3. Except as provided in this subsection, frontier
40 schools are exempt from all statutes and rules
41 applicable to a school, a school board, or a school
42 district, although a frontier school may elect to
43 comply with one or more provisions of statute or rule.
44 However, a frontier school shall meet all applicable
45 state and local health and safety requirements; a
46 frontier school shall be organized and operated as a
47 nonprofit corporation under chapter 504; the provisions
48 of chapters 21 and 22 shall apply to meetings and
49 records of a frontier school board; and a frontier
50 school is subject to and shall comply with chapters

1 216 and 216A relating to civil and human rights, and
2 sections 275.55A, 279.9A, 280.17B, 280.21B, and 282.4,
3 relating to suspension and expulsion of a student. The
4 frontier school shall employ or contract with necessary
5 teachers, as defined in section 272.1, who hold a valid
6 license with an endorsement for the type of service for
7 which the teacher is employed. Frontier schools are
8 subject to the same financial audits, audit procedures,
9 and audit requirements as a school district. The
10 audits shall be consistent with the requirements of
11 sections 11.6, 11.14, 11.19, 256.9, subsection 19,
12 and section 279.29, except to the extent deviations
13 are necessary because of the program at the school.
14 The department, auditor of state, or the legislative
15 services agency may conduct financial, program, or
16 compliance audits. The provisions of chapter 20 shall
17 not apply to the board of directors of a frontier
18 school or its employees.
19 4. A student enrolled in a frontier school shall
20 be counted, for state school foundation aid purposes,
21 in the student's district of residence. A student's
22 residence, for purposes of this section, means a
23 residence under section 282.1. The board of directors
24 of the district of residence shall pay to the frontier
25 school the state cost per pupil for the previous school
26 year, plus any moneys received for the student as a
27 result of the non-English speaking weighting under
28 section 280.4, subsection 3, for the previous school
29 year multiplied by the state cost per pupil for the
30 previous year.>
31 2. Title page, line 2, after <schools,> by
32 inserting <the establishment of a frontier school,>
33 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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